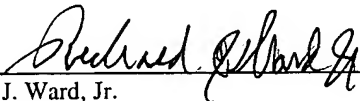




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In response to the Office action of March 23, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 13 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.

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An **Appendix** including an amended drawing of Fig. 2 is attached following page 15 of this paper.